

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER, IOWA

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city and residents of Alexander, Iowa on the occasion of the celebration of the city's Quasiquicentennial during the weekend of June 18, 19 and 20, 2010. Alexander is located in North Central Iowa and is home to approximately 165 people.

The expansion of the Central Railroad of Iowa through Scott Township in Franklin County was a significant development that began the storied history of Alexander, Iowa. In 1885, the town began with the completion of the Alexander station and Alexander was platted by F.E. Carter.

Before Harvey Yaw donated the lot for the first schoolhouse in Alexander in 1882, children went to school in old country schoolhouses, one in every two-mile section. Alexander developed in the 1890's with a dry goods store, livery stable, drug store, hotel, harness shop, pool hall, blacksmith shop, grocery store and churches of various denominations. The community of Alexander survived and persevered through the tribulations of the blizzard of 1911 and 1912, a major fire on Main Street in 1920 and a disastrous tornado in 1925.

One hundred twenty-five years is a testament to a strong and united community that I am also proud to call my hometown. Alexander has continued to survive the test of time, and for this I offer the community of Alexander my congratulations. It is an honor to represent the citizens of Alexander and Mayor Arlen Olson in the United States Congress, and I know that all of my colleagues join me in wishing everyone a safe and successful celebration and an equally storied next 125 years.

### HONORING MS. DEANNA WHEELER

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Ms. Deanna Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler served her constituency faithfully and justly during her tenure as the Ellery Town Assessor.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Ms. Wheeler served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. I have no doubt that her kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the

wonderful place that we all know it can be. Ms. Wheeler is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to her today.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed rollcall Vote Nos. 355–357 on June 14, 2010, and rollcall Vote Nos. 358–364 on June 15, 2010.

If present, I would have voted:

Rollcall Vote No. 355, Supporting the goals of National Dairy Month, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 356, Expressing support for designation of June 20, 2010, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 357, To amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 358, Honoring Dr. Larry Case on his retirement as National FFA Advisor, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 359, Providing for consideration of H.R. 5486, the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act; and providing for consideration of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 360, Work-Life Balance Award Act, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 361, Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 362, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act of 2010, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 363, On Final Passage of the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act of 2010, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 364, Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program and recognizing the significant contributions of Albert Einstein Fellows, "aye."

### CONGRATULATING J.M. WALLER ASSOCIATES INC. FOR BEING NAMED SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize J.M. Waller Asso-

ciates, Inc. of Fairfax, Va., for receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration's Washington Metro Area District Small Business Person of the Year Award for 2010.

J.M. Waller Associates is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business that provides environmental, engineering, logistics, technical, management and professional consulting services to public and private sector clients. At the federal level, it works with our Armed Services, the National Parks Service and NASA.

Founded in 1991, the firm has won numerous accolades for its consistently fine work, including receiving the 2004 Washington D.C. Small Business Administration Small Business Firm of the Year Award, the 2007 Department of Defense Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Achievement Award and the 2009 SAME Industry Award to a Small Business in Support of DoD Programs.

Among the criteria for the Small Business Person of the Year Award are a company's staying power, increase in sales, innovation, response to adversity, and contribution to aid community-oriented projects. Throughout its 19 years, J.M. Waller Associates has consistently demonstrated its economic success and its commitment to the Northern Virginia region.

Small businesses represent the job engine of the U.S. economy, and the continued success of businesses such as J.M. Waller Associates is vital to the future of American progress. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating J.M. Waller Associates for receiving the SBA's Small Business Person of the Year Award for 2010.

CARLOS CAN! IN HONOR OF A REAL AMERICAN HERO: SGT. CARLOS RAFAEL EVANS TORO OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 1ST BATTALION 2ND MARINE

#### HON. PEDRO R. PIERLUISI

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. PIERLUISI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a magnificent Puerto Rican Hero, Sgt. Carlos Rafael Evans Toro of The United States Marines, 1st Battalion 2nd Marine of Fajardo, Puerto Rico. Carlos was born on October 17, 1979, along with his twin sister Carla. He is married to his lovely wife Rosemarie and they have two children, Noroby and new born Genesis. Sgt. Evans had served three tours in Iraq, and was on his first tour of duty in Afghanistan in Salam Baezar when an IED went off during a foot patrol on May 16 2010. Losing his legs and part of his arm, he somehow held on to fight his next battle. To walk again, and he will! His courage his faith, and his character is an inspiration to us all. And with his family's help, the key to all great recoveries, this mountain they will climb together! I ask that this poem penned in honor

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of him and his family by Albert Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

CARLOS CAN

Carlos Can!  
And Carlos Will!  
All of our hearts, so instill!  
As we watch him climb, each and every mountain . . . and every hill . . .  
Moving onward, moving forward . . . ever onward still!  
All but with his fine heart, as he somehow rebuilds . . .  
Carlos Can, all because . . . lie's A United States Marine . . .  
One of the best things that this country has ever seen!  
Arms and legs, yea we all need!  
But, without a heart . . . one can not so surely breathe!  
Carlos Can, and Carlos Will . . . all of his dreams, one day fulfill . . .  
As This Pride of Puerto Rico, so fills...  
So fill's all of our hearts, with all of his courage . . . and so iron will!  
While, against all odds . . . he will not be stilled!  
For he has a life to live, and to our world so much more to give!  
For on that fateful morning, as he awoke . . .  
And so saw, what this dark war had invoked . . .  
As the tears, upon his fine face so gently broke . . .  
As in that moment, his fine heart to him so spoke!  
So spoke to him, about faith and courage . . .  
And how not to somehow be discouraged!  
For only from ones soul, so conies hope . . .  
As it was all in that moment, that he so made that choice . . .  
As through him . . .  
All in his actions, we so heard our Lord's most beautiful voice!  
Calling To Us!  
To Teach Us . . .  
To Beseech Us . . .  
All in Carlos's choice!  
And, if ever I have a son . . .  
I but pray, he could but be like this fine one!  
To have the strength and courage, like Carlos could!  
Carlos Can! And Carlos Will!  
Marine Take That Mountain, Climb That Hill!  
Hoorah Jar Head, for God and Country you so bled!  
Showing us all, That God Is Great! And God Is Good!  
Like Carlos, do you think that you so could?

#### TRIBUTE TO ELI M. BURGOS

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of a person I am proud to represent and prouder still to call a friend, Eli M. Burgos, who will be recognized tonight on the occasion of his retirement from a 36-year career of service to the city of Paterson, NJ.

Eli M. Burgos was born in Puerto Rico in 1949 to Minister Gregorio Burgos and his wife Lucia. He has three sisters, Sara, Raquel and Irma, and one brother, Fred. In the early 1950s he moved to New York City and one year later to the city of Paterson. Eli attended Paterson Public School No. 3, No. 2, Central High School, and in 1967 graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. Soon after, Eli was called upon to serve in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. After reporting to Fort Dix, he was sent to the U.S. Army Medical Training Center in San Antonio, Texas for training as a Medical Corpsman. He graduated with the highest cadre evaluation, and continued his medical training at Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington. He then was transferred overseas where he completed his active duty with the 42nd Medical Battalion, 8th Medical Company. During this time, Eli served under the command of Captain Jeffery Parks, son of the legendary "Miss America Pageant" MC, Bert Parks. Eli was honorably discharged as a Medical Corpsman Specialist IV, in 1971. Thereafter he served in the United States Army Reserves for four more years.

Upon his discharge, Eli returned home and began a career in public service. Eli Burgos attended Rutgers University where he completed all of the requirements to become a certified public purchasing official and a qualified purchasing agent and also attended Fairleigh Dickinson University, where he received his certificate in public service administration.

Prior to working for the city of Paterson, Eli was the co-founder and executive director for PRVANJ, a statewide service organization, funded by a Federal grant, to identify the needs of and provide services to returning Vietnam-era veterans. In 1974, Eli was hired by Mayor Pat Kramer as a planner for the Manpower Planning Council, later the City's Employment and Training Division, or C.E.T.A. Eli rose through the ranks and in 1981 was appointed by Mayor Frank Graves to become the agency's executive director. With the promotion, Eli became the first Hispanic American division director in Paterson's history. In 1984, Mayor Graves again promoted Eli to the Deputy Directorship of the City Department of Human Resources, and two years later to City Purchasing Agent, where he was responsible for the annual procurement of over 50 million dollars in goods and services. He held this position for 19 years. During my time as mayor, Eli served as a liaison to the growing Hispanic community. On October 21, 1998, Mayor Marty Barnes appointed Eli to the position of deputy mayor, while allowing him to continue directing the purchasing division. On July 1, 2002, Mayor Jose "Joey" Torres named Eli as the business administrator for the city of Paterson, a position of major authority and responsibility and one he will vacate upon his retirement at the end of the current mayor's term.

Eli's volunteer work has been widely recognized and rewarded with over 250 awards, certificates and other honors and recognitions. He has been named "Man of the Year" on seven occasions and has been the Grand Marshall and Deputy Grand Marshall of various parades and festivals held in New Jersey. Eli has devoted over 25,000 hours of time as a volunteer to a multitude of programs and

projects in the State, county and his beloved city of Paterson. Eli has worked with public education projects, local anti-poverty programs, daycare centers, senior citizen services, church-related projects, sports leagues, recreation activities, health and safety, political campaigns and many others that include fundraising for the American Red Cross and other non-profits to aid victims of natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes. He has been elected president of many organizations and has been a founder or co-founder of others. He continues his work on the Board of Directors of the North Jersey Federal Credit Union. Eli is very proud of his service with other organizations such as Bamert Hospital, the New Jersey Supreme Court Ethics Committee Fee Arbitration Panel, the Board of Directors of the Local Initiative Support Corporation "LISC," New Jersey Health Professions Education Advisory Council and many other community-related boards and institutions.

Eli has written many articles for periodicals highlighting the struggles and accomplishments of the Puerto Rican and Latino Communities of Paterson and the State of New Jersey. He also worked for seven years as a part time photojournalist for Noticias Del Mundo, a leading daily newspaper in New Jersey and New York. Also active in politics, Eli ran for the Board of Education in 1989, his first attempt at elective office, and won by a wide margin. In 1991, he was selected as my running mate for election to the New Jersey Legislature, to represent the 35th District. Eli fell short of winning the election by the slimmest of margins. He never sought elected office again, instead continuing his administrative and managerial work to better the city of Paterson. Eli is presently serving his 5th term on the Democratic State Committee and previously served 11 years on the Passaic County Democratic Committee. He is a member of the city's Emergency Management Team, the New Jersey Municipal Managers Association, the New Jersey Purchasing Agents Association, and the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing.

Throughout the years, another constant in Eli's life has been his family. His wife, Yolanda, recently retired as the principal of International High School in Paterson. All of their children, Louie, Janel, and Velanae, have obtained college degrees as has their daughter-in-law, Luciana, and son-in-law, Victor. Eli and Yolanda are proud grandparents to Destin Louis and Liana Rose.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated public servants like Eli. He will retire as the only person in Paterson's history to have served in the capacity of acting mayor, deputy mayor, department director and division director, responsibilities he has carried out in the most professional and ethical manner possible. He is humbled by the opportunity to have served this great historical city and to have made so many friends and acquaintances along the way, and I am proud to have been able to work with him.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the residents of the city of Paterson, everyone associated with public service in our great city, Eli's family and friends, and me, in recognizing Eli M. Burgos' outstanding service to his community.

# RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF FATHERS

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1389, which recognizes the important role that fathers play in the lives of their children. While Father's Day is celebrated once a year, the responsibility of being a father never ceases.

According to U.S. Census Bureau data from 2009, over 24 million children live apart from their biological fathers. That is 1 out of every 3 children in the United States. Nearly 2 out of every 3 African American children live apart from their biological fathers. While we honor biological fathers, we should also remember the many men that serve as father figures in the lives of children across the country. These truly special individuals consist of grandfathers, uncles, adoptive fathers, step-fathers, and anyone else who provides a parenting role. No one requires them to assume this responsibility, but they do so selflessly and without complaint.

Children with involved fathers are less likely to have behavioral problems, abuse drugs, and live in poverty. A child with an involved father is more likely to stay in school, go to college, and be successful later in life. Clearly, the presence of father figures in homes across the country is absolutely critical to the healthy development of our young people.

We also owe special recognition to the single fathers in California's 37th District and across the country. These fathers work longer and harder to ensure that their children have the resources and care they need to experience a fulfilling childhood and to grow into well-rounded adults. Many of these single fathers work extra hours just to put food on the table and meet their children's needs.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, we should pay tribute to the fathers who are unable to be with their children this Father's Day. These individuals include the men serving overseas in our military, fathers that are working to provide for their families, fathers that are incarcerated, and fathers that live far away from their children.

Will Rogers, Jr. once said that his "heritage to his children wasn't words or possessions, but an unspoken treasure, the treasure of his example as a man and a father." This sentiment perfectly sums up the importance of fathers and their role in the lives of our nation's youth.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1389 and recognizing the important role that fathers play in their children's lives.

# ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS LETTER REGARDING NON-DISCRIMINATION

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I recently received a letter from the Asso-

ciation of American Law Schools regarding recent Congressional consideration for expanding non-discrimination policies. I ask unanimous consent to have the attached letter inserted into the Congressional Record on the Association's behalf.

ASSOCIATION OF  
AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS,  
Washington, DC, May 26, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: We write today regarding your important efforts to extend anti-discrimination principles to access to military service. We hope that the following comments will be of assistance to you and to the House as it considers this reform.

Non-discrimination principles form a critical foundation for our democracy. The promise of opportunity for all and the aspirations of individuals to achieve underpin the character of American society. Without question, military service has played an important role over several generations in supporting the idea of individual improvement. Through specific training, as well as the development of personal characteristics such as discipline and responsibility, the military has been a path to greater capabilities and a better life for many young Americans. Military service has itself provided knowledge and has often led individuals to higher education. Beginning with the GI Bill of Rights after World War II, educational benefits provided to returning combat veterans created a potentially transformative educational path for individual veterans, and, in the process, strengthened the nation's capacities for innovation and productivity. In our law schools over the last 60 years we have seen the powerful effects of military experience and of this national assistance for veterans. We also understand that for many Americans military service has been a meaningful way to participate in our democracy.

Today, however, military service is not open to all who wish to serve our country. We hope that this year the Congress will act to provide equal access to military service, by extending non-discrimination principles to the many who are now discouraged or prevented from serving because of the current "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

## BRIEF BACKGROUND OF THE AALS

Formed in 1900 for the purpose of improving the legal profession through legal education, the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) is a voluntary membership organization of 171 law schools. AALS membership has been regarded as an important indicator of the quality of a law school. The AALS pursues our purpose of strengthening legal education through two principal vehicles (1) a membership process which periodically evaluates law schools, and (2) programs for law teachers and administrators, designed to encourage innovation, further strong teaching and excellent curricula and foster a climate of inquiry through teaching and research that will strengthen the law and the legal profession.

Only rarely does the AALS speak in the legislative process or seek to address a court in the context of a case before it. We consider doing so only in circumstances where our core educational values or the educational programs and related judgments of member schools are strongly implicated. We regard the issue before you now as one of those moments.

## A HISTORICAL LOOK AT NON-DISCRIMINATION PRINCIPLES

A neutral look at our national history on issues of discrimination since the end of World War II makes clear that each of the

watersheds in 20th century non-discrimination law were not the obvious decisions that one could assume in retrospect, but rather were hotly contested. The House that passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 had only twelve female members. At the time of the vote on the historic legislation, there were nine minority members in the House, all of them male. One was an Asian American from the young state of Hawaii (World War II veteran Spark Matsunaga, who was twice wounded in battle while serving with Japanese-American segregated units sent to war while many family members of his fellow soldiers had been assigned to relocation centers on the West coast). Three were Latinos, representing districts in Texas, New Mexico, and California. The remaining five were all African-Americans from northern states. And the House and history would have to wait for nine more years before the first post-Reconstruction African American from the South was seated in the House of Representatives.

Ending racial segregation in the military took Presidential action. It was President Eisenhower's view that federal institutions should be at the forefront of upholding the ideal of racial equality. Then as now, discrimination on the part of the federal government is fundamentally and deeply troubling. As a revered military leader, Eisenhower as President was able to bring about implementation of President Truman's 1948 Executive Order to desegregate the military. The Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 gave women permanent status in the Army, Navy, Marines (and later Air Force and Coast Guard) and from the 1960's through the present women have been granted further access to opportunity in the military.

## AALS NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICIES

The AALS acted to require its members to avoid discrimination based on race or color in 1951. Nineteen years later, in 1970, a requirement of non-discrimination covering women was added to the AALS By-Laws. Two decades ago the AALS membership acted to include discrimination based on sexual orientation in the list of prohibited categories of discrimination for AALS member schools. AALS Bylaw § Section 6-3 states that each member school undertakes to "provide equality of opportunity in legal education for all . . . enrolled students . . . without discrimination or segregation on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age disability or sexual orientation." The concept of non-discrimination is critical to our democracy and crucial to the training of lawyers who, among others, act as stewards of democratic ideals. The role of law and lawyers in our society is to further the orderly conduct of the society, including the resolution of disputes, and to construct respect for the law and to establish and ensure the qualities that will engender that respect, such as fairness, level playing fields, and equality of opportunity. Inherently then, law schools place a high priority on trying to instill in lawyers their civic responsibilities and their role in furthering democratic values.

The application of non-discrimination principles to career opportunities for law students became and remains a particularly troublesome issue in the wake of passage of the Solomon Amendment in 1996. In light of that federal law, the AALS fashioned a compromise in the application of its own non-discrimination principles. That compromise allows military recruiters on law school campuses but requires member schools to "ameliorate" that presence and make clear the inconsistency between the schools' non-discrimination policies and the military's

exclusion of openly gay and lesbian individuals. The purpose was to ensure that each law school community would communicate its inclusive and non-discriminatory values to all members of the community. This compromise, while deemed the best solution within the legal context in which the AALS found itself, is inherently and deeply troublesome for two reasons. University-based law schools implicitly sanction discrimination based on sexual orientation when they include military recruiters rather than reject the federal funds so important to their academic programs. At the same time, attempts made by individual law schools and the AALS to ensure that the full law school community understands why a discriminatory employer has been permitted access to the schools' career services have understandably (but wrongly) been interpreted as indicative of the "anti-military" attitudes of law schools, their leaders, and the AALS. We emphasize that the AALS is supportive of our military and recognizes that as the military has become more inclusive it has become stronger both internally and in the public's perception. We depend on the many young Americans whose courage and commitment enables them to join the armed services in order to actively participate in the defense of the nation. It is the nobility of that service and the inability of American citizens who are openly gay or lesbian to serve that has prompted the AALS to argue consistently for inclusion of these citizens in military service. The AALS is committed to both non-discrimination and a strong military, with access to opportunities in the military for all students at our member schools, regardless of their sexual orientation.

The current law places the democratic ideal that individuals should be judged as individuals and not based upon group-based characteristics in a secondary status to funding higher education programs. As such, it inherently damages our democracy. Repealing the current law and extending non-discrimination principles to include sexual orientation will support and strengthen our democratic values and strengthen the military.

#### ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES OF APPLYING NON-DISCRIMINATION PRINCIPLES TO MILITARY SERVICE

Repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy is certain to ensure a larger pool of citizens who seek to serve their country in the military, a much-needed result particularly during this time of heavy on-going demands for those who are now serving. Furthermore, the extension of non-discrimination principles to the service of individuals regardless of their sexual orientation will generate broader support for our military branches. Over time, as military personnel work together toward common purposes in service of the nation, greater understanding and respect are likely to be furthered in our broader culture. A diverse society depends on its ability to develop qualities of tolerance and over-arching shared values; American democracy and the opportunities it has exemplified are grounded in the concept of a multi-faceted diversity, protected by guarantees of individual liberties.

#### CONCLUSION

The AALS urges Congress to act soon to remove the restrictions on military service that now exist, extending the opportunity of military service without regard to the sexual orientation of those who seek to volunteer for this important service to our nation.

Sincerely,

SUSAN WESTERBERG PRAGER.

#### A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM WHITAKER

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of William Whitaker for his work with the formerly incarcerated and his service to the City of New York.

Mr. Whitaker was born in Richmond, Virginia, and moved to Brooklyn, New York at four years of age. His family resided in Brooklyn's Bedford Stuyvesant area for the next 42 years. After completing his high school education, Mr. Whitaker received an Associate degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice where he focused on paralegal research and mythology. He then attended Marta Due College and received a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services. Mr. Whitaker is also a credentialed Prevention Specialist with the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. Mr. Whitaker has been credentialed with the state of New York for 15 years.

Mr. Whitaker is also certified with Cornell University as a Family Development Credential Trainer. In 2009, Mr. Whitaker received his international certification reciprocity with the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

Mr. Whitaker's career began in 1990 with the Fortune Society. He held several titles at this agency, including Chief Librarian, Counselor/Case Manager, Senior Peer Trainer, Public Health Educator, and Senior Outreach Coordinator. Mr. Whitaker also served as the Senior Prevention Specialist at Brooklyn's Canarsie Aware Treatment Center.

Mr. Whitaker began working with the New York City Commission on Human Rights in 2001 as the Senior Advocate for the HIV prison project. He then began to serve as Special Consultant and Advisor to the Commissioner. Also during this time Mr. Whitaker was serving as Consultant and Special Advisor to Princeton University's research project concerning employment discrimination against minority jobseekers and the formerly incarcerated in New York City.

Mr. Whitaker served as Consultant and Trainer to the City of New York Department of Health Office of Correction AIDS Prevention, stationed at Rikers Island Jail.

Mr. Whitaker served the City of New York as a Senior Liaison for the New York City Department of Homeless Services for three years working with homeless families and single males and females to resolve conflicts and disputes with staff and other service providers. He was also responsible for contacting and following up with other government officials regarding complaints.

Mr. Whitaker then served as African American Community Liaison to the office of the Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. He served throughout the Borough of Brooklyn, representing Marty's office in all affairs.

Mr. Whitaker has returned to the New York City Commission on Human Rights where he continues to serve the people of New York as a Human Rights Specialist, working on special projects regarding the formally incarcerated and other areas concerning Human Rights laws and educating the general public.

Mr. Whitaker is also currently authoring a new complete and comprehensive resource guide with other staff at the Commission on Human Rights. This booklet is for the formerly incarcerated returning to New York City. The title of this new booklet is "Turning the Game Around". Mr. Whitaker also provides ongoing workshops and presentations at agencies throughout the five Boroughs of New York City.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of William Whitaker.

#### IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 1383 HONORING DR. LARRY CASE

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the recently passed House Resolution 1383 honoring Dr. Larry Case for his 26 years of service as National FFA Advisor.

On January 1, 2011, Dr. Case will retire after 26 years as National FFA Advisor at the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Case, a Missouri native and former high school agricultural education instructor, earned his bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctorate from the University of Missouri and has since served in numerous positions including CEO and chairman of the board of the National FFA organization, chairman of the board for the National Postsecondary Student Organization, and national advisor to the National Young Farmer Education Association.

Dr. Case has made a significant personal impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of present and former FFA members. During his tenure as National FFA Advisor, the organization saw tremendous growth in both membership and educational innovation. As an advisor, executive officer, and chairman of the board of directors of the National FFA Organization, Dr. Case has been a national leader in secondary, postsecondary, and adult instructional programs relating to agriculture.

As a Missouri farmer I have a special appreciation for Dr. Larry Case's commitment to agriculture and his exemplary efforts to highlight the importance of agricultural education in our state and nation.

I congratulate Dr. Case on his outstanding service to agriculture and to our nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO STATE SENATOR T. ALLEN LEGARE, JR.

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, State Senator T. Allen Legare, Jr. was an inspiration to me growing up in historic Charleston, South Carolina, as a gentleman promoting job creation with the State Development Board and the State Ports Authority. My attending Washington and Lee University was coordinated by him, who had attended W&L, with my mother, Wray Graves Wilson, who attended nearby Hollins College in Virginia.

The below article was printed in The Post and Courier on June 12, 2010.

THE POST AND COURIER: OBITUARIES—LOCAL  
POLITICIAN DIES

Thomas Allen Legare, Jr., a former S.C. senator and Charleston-area lawyer, died Friday. He was 94.

A four-term senator from 1953 to 1966, Legare pushed for bridge and highway improvements. He served as chairman of the State Development Board, which set two records for industrial development under his leadership. He was the board chairman from 1969 to 1974.

For his public service as a legislator, the S.C. Department of Highways and Public Transportation named the northbound U.S. Highway 17 bridge over the Ashley River after Legare in 1978.

As a senator, he authored several bills that provided for the expansion of the State Ports Authority. He was a two-term Democratic representative from Charleston from 1947 to 1953.

In 1979, Legare received the University of South Carolina's Distinguished Alumni Award. He earned his A.B. and law degrees from the university in 1939 and 1941, respectively. Legare was a past president and chairman of the alumni association.

Legare was born in Charleston on July 22, 1915, to Thomas A. Legare and Lilly Mikell Legare. In 1964 he formed the Legare, Hare and Smith law firm in Charleston. He was an Army veteran, serving in World War II in the European and China-India-Burma theaters.

Legare was a former director of the Charleston Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Lion's Club of Charleston. Other memberships included the American Legion Post #10, the Veterans' Advisory Council and the Carolina Yacht Club. Legare was a long-time member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston.

He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia I. Green Legare, and daughter, Irene G. Legare Wesley. Surviving are the couple's three other children, Virginia G. Legare Townsend, Sarah M. Legare Stuhr, and Edward T. Legare, all of Wadmalaw Island.

Stuhr's Downtown Chapel is handling arrangements.

A TRIBUTE TO RONALD J.  
BRIDGES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ronald J. Bridges for his service to children and families throughout New York City.

Mr. Ronald J. Bridges is a native of Newark, New Jersey. He and his lovely wife Yvette celebrated 31 years of marriage on March 28. They have three wonderful children, two boys and a girl: Rashidi, Husani, and Bahati.

Mr. Bridges is the Chairman of the Diaconate Ministry at the historic Berean Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York. In this leadership position, Mr. Bridges provides spiritual and administrative guidance to the church ministerial leaders. He attends New York Theological Seminary where he earned the Master of Divinity Degree in 2009. Mr. Bridges has done additional studies at the Berean Baptist Bible Study Institute, including a four year Bible study certificate program; upon graduation, he was named "Salutatorian of the

Class of 1999." A New York state licensed psychotherapist since 1988, Mr. Bridges also holds a Master of Social Work degree from Hunter College School of Social Work of New York City.

Mr. Bridges spent his entire career helping others. In his 24 years of local government service, Mr. Bridges held a senior administrative manager post within New York City Children's Service Foster Care division. As its Regional Director of the Group Home Division in the boroughs of the Bronx, Queens and Manhattan from 1990 to 2007, Mr. Bridges counseled, taught and helped countless teenagers and their families. Currently, Mr. Bridges is the Regional Deputy Director of New York City Children's Service Child Protection Division in the Bronx, New York. Mr. Bridges oversees all New York State Registry reports of abuse and neglect of children within numerous communities in the Bronx. This is a tremendous responsibility in which Mr. Bridges depends heavily on his relationship with his Lord, Christ Jesus; as well as on his vast experience as he guides and directs over one hundred child protective employees.

Affectionately known as "Deacon Bridges" or "Deacon Ron," Mr. Bridges is a dedicated servant of Christ and has been a member of Berean Baptist Church since 1992. Mr. Bridges faithfully echoes, "Only what we do for Christ will last." This is evident by Mr. Bridges' commitment to various ministries within Berean Baptist Church and the community. He is a devoted Sunday school teacher and student, and is also a member of the Berean's Christian Counseling ministry where he teaches a Christian counseling course. Mr. Bridges serves as the vice chairman of the Board of Directors for the Berean Community Family Life Center. He is the founder of And Ye Shall Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself Ministries. Mr. Bridges works with officials at Montefiore and with the faith-based community to establish a network of churches to serve as a surrogate support system for liver transplant patients.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Ronald J. Bridges.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND  
MEMORY OF MR. DANIEL D. CAN-  
TOR

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of and express sadness over the passing of an extraordinary man, Daniel D. Cantor.

Mr. Cantor set the bar for what it means to be a true community leader through his philanthropy, friendship, and loyalty.

He loved children, loved the Jewish community, and loved Broward County. It was his fervent desire to give whatever he could, whenever he could, to help.

Mr. Cantor grew up in Middle Village, New York, earned his law degree from New York University, and served in the Navy stateside during World War II. He started practicing law after the war but his attention quickly turned to real estate, where he made his fortune buying,

selling and building garden apartments for returning veterans. He made his first \$1 million by age 31.

When Mr. Cantor retired to Tamarac in 1980, South Florida became a prime recipient of his charity work. By 1996, in only an 8-year period, Mr. Cantor donated over \$22 million to the non-profit community and was recognized by the United States Congress for his efforts.

His contributions went to the Jewish National Fund, the Jewish Institute for Geriatric Care, a program to teach Yiddish in Jewish day schools, including one in Hollywood, and a lecture hall for a university in Israel. Mr. Cantor donated to scholarship funds, medical research, and housing for the elderly in New York, Florida, and Israel. He gave money to resettle Soviet Jews and to fly Ethiopian Jews to Israel. Locally he also gave to the Jewish Federation of Broward County, David Posnack Hebrew Day School in Plantation, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Of course, he is probably best known through the Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center in Sunrise, which provides adult day care and other programs for the elderly, many of which are constituents of mine.

Madam Speaker, Daniel Cantor was a unique man with a great sense of humor. He served the community with everything he had and this is something I aspire to do every day of my life. He will always be a role model to all who follow Mahatma Ghandi's mantra: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

One Jewish leader in my district said it right: "It's the end of an era losing a man of that stature."

I am grateful for Mr. Cantor's contributions and dedication to Broward County, the greater United States, and Israel. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and to the greater community during this difficult time.

HONORING MARNA S. DAVIDSON

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, "A good teacher is like a candle, it consumes itself to light the way for others." Today I would like to honor Marna S. Davidson for the path she has lit for us and congratulate her on her retirement. Ms. Davidson is the paradigm of a true educator: she has dedicated her life to teaching others both inside and outside the classroom.

Ms. Davidson came to Florida after a distinguishing career in the New York City Public School System. As an active teacher, Ms. Davidson was recognized with the Smallheiser Award by the United Federation of Teachers and helped her school achieve the prestigious Trechenberg Award.

When Ms. Davidson retired from New York and moved to Florida, she became politically active. Some will suggest that Ms. Davidson then found the most bullish and obstinate students of her career, the Florida legislature. In true form, Ms. Davidson took to lobbying the Florida legislature on educational issues with the same passion and zeal she taught with her whole life. There is no doubt that the children of Florida are better off due to the hard

work and dedication that Ms. Davidson advocated on behalf of their education.

I wish Ms. Davidson an enjoyable and peaceful retirement.

# INTRODUCTION OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER FAIRNESS ACT OF 2010

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise to let my colleagues know that today I introduced the Volunteer Firefighter Fairness Act.

This bill would clarify for volunteer fire departments, volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel, and the Internal Revenue Service that volunteers are not employees of the fire departments where they serve.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, volunteers comprise approximately 72 percent of our nation's fire and emergency services. Although volunteers make up the majority of firefighters nationwide, we are experiencing an overall decline in the number of volunteer personnel. This is due to increased emergency call volumes, the time demands of ongoing training, and the struggle many Americans face trying to balancing family and work obligations.

To help recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and other volunteer first responders, some states and local governments offer nominal payments or benefits, such as covering expenses for uniforms.

Historically, fire departments have used the IRS Form 1099 to report these benefits and nominal payments for their volunteers. However, recently many volunteer fire departments have been told by local or regional IRS offices that they must the Form W-2, instead of the 1099, to report payments and benefits. In Oregon, a volunteer fire department was even hit with a \$9,900 fine for using a Form 1099 instead of a Form W-2.

The bill I am introducing today will clarify the law to ensure that fire departments will be able to use Form 1099 to report any minimal pay or benefits for volunteer first responders. I am pleased to report that this bill has the full support of the International Fire Chiefs Association.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I would like to clarify one point about who the bill would cover. This legislation is designed to specifically cover volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency personnel. The practice of providing volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel with reimbursement, reasonable benefits, and nominal fees for their services is allowed under both the IRS Code and the Fair Labor Standards Act. The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division ruled on August 7, 2006, that "generally an amount not exceeding 20 percent of the total compensation that the employer would pay to employ a full-time firefighter for performing comparable services would be deemed nominal." Since both the IRS Code and the FLSA use the term "nominal fee" as an allowable form of compensation for volunteer firefighters, I urge the IRS to use the U.S. Department of Labor's ruling in drafting any regulations to implement this legislation or define the term "nominal fee" for volunteer firefighter compensation.

THE SYRACUSE JAMES JOYCE CLUB/BLOOMSDAY

**HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. MAFFEI. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Syracuse James Joyce Club's celebration of the 17th annual Bloomsday. Bloomsday is the day people from around the world celebrate the life of Irish author James Joyce and his novel *Ulysses*, which is heralded as one of the greatest novels of the 20th century.

*Ulysses* chronicles the day the main character, Leopold Bloom travels into Dublin on June 16. This date had special meaning for Joyce. It was also the first date with his future wife Nora Barnacle. For these reasons, June 16 was marked as the special day Joyce's life and literary work, *Ulysses* would be celebrated.

The first Bloomsday was organized in 1954 by critic, John Ryan, and author, Flann O'Brien. The day was named after Leopold Bloom in *Ulysses*. Ryan and O'Brien organized a day long pilgrimage along the *Ulysses* route. They planned a day to travel through the city, visiting the scenes from the novel. The night ended in what had once been called the brothel quarter of the city, the area which Joyce had called Nighttown.

Born in Dublin, on February 2, 1882, Joyce was the son of John Stanislaus Joyce and Mary Jane Murray. Joyce's father struggled as a businessman and his mother was an accomplished pianist. Joyce grew up in poverty, and his family struggled to maintain a solid middle-class lifestyle. From the age of six, Joyce was educated by Jesuits at Clongowood Wood College then Belvedere College in Dublin.

It was in college that Joyce blossomed as a writer. His first published work was an essay on Ibsen's play *When We Dead Awaken*. Joyce went on to write several other works that sealed his place in writing history.

I am proud that the Syracuse James Joyce Club continues to keep the life and work of Joyce alive. It is important that we remember the contributions he has made to literary history. I am pleased that the Syracuse James Joyce Club will gather people from the community today to share their favorite excerpts from Joyce's works.

The Bloomsday celebration attracts over 300 people and is part of the CNY Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute. I commend the Syracuse James Joyce Club for keeping the legacy of one of the 20th century's greatest writers alive.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND ALVIN BARNETT

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Alvin Barnett for his years of service to ministry and his community.

Alvin Barnett attended the famed Boys High, where he became a star football player. He

was goal-oriented and this served him well again during his college years, first at Tennessee State College, and then at American Baptist Theological Seminary, in Nashville, Tennessee, from which he received a Bachelor of Theology Degree. Rev. Barnett continued his studies in Business Administration at New York City's Pace University, and at Malloy College in Valley Stream, New York.

Reverend Barnett was licensed and ordained to preach the Gospel at the Mount Ollie Baptist Church in Brooklyn by the late Reverend Dr. R.D. Brown. His pastoral journey includes two other Brooklyn churches: Mount Zion Baptist Church, and West Baptist Church, where he has served for the last 30 years.

Alvin Barnett recognizes that one's journey in ministry must include learning and studying. He is a lifelong student and prodigious reader. In his life's work, he uses the collective knowledge gained from his theological intellectual pursuits for the glorification of God. He consults daily and advises young ministries, seminarians, and seasoned pastors in ministry. Alvin Barnett is humble, and seeks advice and consultation from the best and brightest in ministry and other professions. He is a keen observer of the human condition, and is faithful and persistent in the work that God has called him to.

Reverend Barnett is a team builder who utilizes his experience and knowledge to develop effective teams that actualize his vision of Ministry. He knows well how to use the best skills to enhance the work of the kingdom.

Rev. Barnett is an active member of many organizations, including Churches United for Worldwide Action, the Metropolitan Ministers Ecumenical Conference, the NYPD Committee Advisory Council, the International Prison Ministry (he serves as President), and the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. (NBCUSA), and he is active in the NBCUSA Moderator's Auxiliary. He has been a member of the Eastern Baptist Association (EBA) New York, Inc. for more than forty years. Rev. Barnett has served as treasurer and president of Prison Ministry, chairman and vice chair of the board of trustees, executive manager of the EBA Headquarters in Brooklyn, a member of the Board of Managers and the Advisory Council, and as chairman of the Board of Evangelism.

During his tenure in evangelism, he organized and taught classes on evangelism and prepared many teams for street ministry in churches throughout the Eastern Baptist Association. He remains a tireless Evangelizer, and utilizes a unique hands-on approach.

Reverend Barnett travels extensively, witnessing to incarcerated men and women throughout the Eastern Seaboard, including the Nassau County Correctional Facility on Long Island, Rikers Island in New York City, as well as upstate New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Reverend Barnett was overwhelmingly elected the 16th Moderator of the Eastern Baptist Association on July 17, 2009. He has embarked upon the work of reenergizing, rebuilding and regenerating the Eastern Baptist Association where a renaissance is taking place among Baptist churches of geographic Long Island.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work of Reverend Alvin Barnett.



## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 14, 2010, I was absent and thus I missed rollcall votes Nos. 355–357. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on all three votes.

## CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF NICHOLAS V. MARTINO

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express heartfelt best wishes on the occasion of the 90th birthday of Nicholas V. Martino, a man who exemplifies a life of hard work, service to his country, and close family ties. Mr. Martino worked for 40 years as a master mechanic for American Construction in Hartford, Connecticut. Now retired, he lives in Westhampton, New York with his daughter Anne Marie Spinner, his son-in-law Guy Spinner and their two children, Adam and Nicole. He enjoys spending time with them as well as with his daughter Janet Tyler, son-in-law Lee Tyler and their daughter Meredith.

Born in Hartford on June 8, 1920, Mr. Martino served from 1942 to 1946 in the Army Air Corps as a Tech Sergeant working on B–25's and B–26's, both medium-sized bombers. The B–25 first gained fame as the bomber used in the 18 April 1942 raid in which sixteen B–25s attacked mainland Japan four months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The mission gave a much-needed lift in spirits to the Americans, and alarmed the Japanese who had believed their home islands were inviolable by enemy troops.

On September 30, 1950, he married Marie Candela who passed away in 1989. The couple had two daughters, Janet and Anne Marie. After his discharge from the Army, Mr. Martino continued a life-long interest in mechanics both at his job at American Construction and in his spare time. For years, he maintained a garage and truck filled with all kinds of tools for his many projects, and he still enjoys tinkering with hands-on projects with his son-in-law Guy.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Mr. Martino and wish him a happy 90th birthday as he celebrates with his family and friends.

## A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM C. JUSINO

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of William C. Jusino for his commitment to leadership in education and dedication to his community.

William C. Jusino was born to migrant parents from the beautiful island of Puerto Rico.

He and his three sisters and three brothers were raised in the community of Bedford Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, New York. His father, William Sr., was a humble factory worker and his mother, Ana, worked as a school aide in Williamsburg School District #14. Her work in elementary public schools would serve as an early influence to young William. William and all of his siblings heeded their parents' advice and have achieved significant success in varying careers that include naval officer, firefighter, food commerce, and William's work as a school administrator.

He was educated in Brooklyn Elementary Schools P.S. 54 & 157, J.H.S. 117, and East New York Vocational Technical High School. During his high school years, Mr. Jusino obtained his initial work experience in the city's Summer Youth Employment Program in Bedford Stuyvesant. Subsequently, William was successful in gaining entrance to SUNY Cortland where he attained his Bachelor's Degree in Education.

Mr. Jusino enthusiastically returned to his community to serve as an elementary school teacher in School District 13's P.S. 46 and P.S. 270. He continued to work as a public school teacher for six years. Continuing his passion for serving his community, Mr. Jusino accepted the position of Executive Director of Progress Inc. In spring of 1996, he was offered an exceptional opportunity to lead a high school for professional careers. William Jusino has been Principal of Progress High School since September 1996, playing a key role in one of the most successful school reform efforts in New York City history.

Mr. Jusino has a well established record of service to his community. His love and caring for young people has been consistently evident throughout his professional life. Friend and colleague alike know that he is dedicated to giving back to his community that has blessed him so much. William strongly believes that he must constantly prepare himself to more effectively serve the community and the children that he is committed to. On the eve of completing his Doctorate in Educational Administration, Mr. Jusino continues to practice what he preaches and more importantly, what he was taught by his parents.

Mr. Jusino is married to Mrs. Marta Colon-Jusino. He has two wonderful children. His son, William, graduated from Harvard University and his daughter, Amanda, is in her junior year at the University of Massachusetts and is currently studying abroad in Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador.

He enjoys spending his free time with family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of William C. Jusino.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF LT. COL. RICHARD CASTILLO

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Col. Richard Castillo of Corpus Christi, Texas, who was shot down in Laos in 1972 while on a mission. The 14-man crew flew aboard an AC–130, REFNO 1807.

About six weeks ago, the family of Lt. Col. Castillo was contacted by the Air Force and informed that the last unidentified remains from his plane will be buried tomorrow, June 17, 2010, at Arlington National Cemetery along with the remains of the 13 men who accompanied Lt. Col. Castillo on the mission.

In 1986 after negotiations with the Laotian government, the United States was finally able to send a team to the crash site. After much work and many hours spent sifting through debris, bone fragments and personal belongings, the men's remains were found. Two teeth were positively identified as Lt. Col. Castillo's and were buried in a ceremony later that year at Randolph Air Force Base, with interment at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio.

In the November 1986 edition of National Geographic, a picture of Lt. Col. Castillo's dog tags was published alongside an article telling the story of the search and recovery effort of the crew by the United States government and military.

A few years ago, the Air Force informed Lt. Col. Castillo's wife, Elizabeth May Castillo, that they were beginning DNA testing on the bone fragments found among the wreckage.

With the advances made in DNA testing, they believed all 14 men would finally be accounted for. The Air Force obtained a cheek swab from Lt. Col. Castillo's mother and performed mitochondrial DNA testing. On November 21, 2008, the Air Force held a small private service for the Castillo family at Lt. Col. Castillo's grave site at Ft. Sam Houston. An urn containing the fragments positively identified as Lt. Col. Castillo was buried on top of his casket. This day was especially meaningful to the family because it would have been his 70th birthday.

Lt. Col. Castillo is survived by his wife, Elizabeth May Castillo and their children, Mary Edith Castillo Hamilton, Mary Elizabeth Castillo Tierce, Mary Esther Castillo Harper, Mary Elaine Castillo Colmenero and Richard Lee Castillo. His youngest son, Ronald Ronnie Castillo, died on February 16, 2005.

I would like to take this time to thank Lt. Col. Castillo for his service and dedication to this country. It is because of him that today you and I enjoy the freedoms and rights he so bravely fought for. He served this country diligently and paid the ultimate sacrifice for us.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in commemorating the work and honor of Lt. Col. Castillo whose remains will be buried tomorrow at Arlington National Cemetery.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, due to a family medical situation, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

JUNE 14, 2010

Rollcall vote 355, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1368, Supporting the goals of National Dairy Month—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 356, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1409, Expressing support for designation of June 20, 2010, as

"American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 357, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H.R. 5502, To amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009—I would have voted "aye."

JUNE 15, 2010

Rollcall vote 358, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1383, Honoring Dr. Larry Case on his retirement as National FFA Advisor—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 359, On Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 1436, Providing for consideration of H.R. 5486, the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act; and providing for consideration of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote 360, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—H.R. 4855, Work-Life Balance Award Act—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote 361, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1389, Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 362, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions—H.R. 5486, Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act of 2010—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 363, On Passage—H.R. 5486, Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act of 2010—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote 364, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1322, Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program and recognizing the significant contributions of Albert Einstein Fellows—I would have voted "aye."

#### IN RECOGNITION OF SENATOR GEORGIA POWERS' SERVICE TO KENTUCKY AND THE UNITED STATES

#### HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of a woman whose legacy and work has forever changed the character of both the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States of America. Today, in Louisville, a major thoroughfare will be named in honor of Senator Georgia Davis Powers. This is a commemoration bestowed only to the most legendary leaders in our Commonwealth—and Senator Powers is nothing short of legendary.

I am honored to join the chorus of voices praising her tireless and lifelong fight to ensure equality and justice are persevering principles in our Commonwealth. As the first woman and first African-American to be elected to Kentucky's State Senate, Georgia Powers is a trailblazer who has dedicated her life and career to the cause of civil rights. Though she has retired from politics, her service has

left an enduring mark in Louisville and across this country.

In fact, her life's work is and continues to be a true example of how one individual can make a difference not just for her own generation, but every one that follows.

When the story of the struggle for civil rights and women's rights in Kentucky is told, Georgia Powers stands as a central figure—a legend who continually sought to make life better for all of our citizens. Today, as we ensure that her legacy will be recognized by the people of Louisville for decades to come, all Kentuckians and all Americans should be proud of her dedicated service in pursuit of our defining national goals.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in further recognizing the extraordinary work and dedication of Senator Georgia Powers of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

#### A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. MARVIN J. BENTLEY

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Dr. Marvin J. Bentley for his contributions to his community and commitment to his faith.

The Reverend Dr. Marvin J. Bentley was born in Brooklyn, New York. He received his basic religious training at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, and under the tutelage of the late Dr. Sandy F. Ray he became licensed to preach the gospel by the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Dr. Bentley was educated within the New York public school system; he attained his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New York at Stony Brook with majors in Health Science and Social Welfare. He obtained his seminary education at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, securing a Master's in Divinity degree. At Drew University, in Madison, NJ he earned his Doctor of Ministry degree, and he recently received an Associate's Degree from Nassau Community College, L.I., N.Y., in Applied Science.

Dr. Bentley was ordained at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, where he served as the assistant minister under the mentorship of Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, and Dr. Calvin Butts III. Dr. Bentley is active in many civic and community activities. He serves on numerous boards and committees and is the former President of American Baptist Churches of Metro New York. He is a former Naval Chaplain in the United States Naval Reserve. He has served as President and Vice-President of Community School Board 30, former member of Community Board 3, and past President of the Corona East Elmhurst Clergy Association. He is the recipient of many civic and religious awards and honors.

As pastor, Dr. Bentley has been serving the Antioch Baptist Church of Corona for 30 years, enjoying a blessed ministry. During his tenure at the church, it has relocated into a beautiful, gothic style new church home in Corona, Queens, New York. It has grown to numerous ministries that include male and female "Right of Passage" ministries, the Antioch Bible Institute, Christian Bookstore, Video Ministry, Credit Union and Athletic Ministry.

In addition, under Pastor Bentley's leadership, the Antioch Baptist Church of Corona has embarked upon a ministry to liquidate the credit card debt of their congregation. The model for the vision was given to Pastor Bentley by Bishop C. Vernie Russell Jr, Pastor MT. Carmel Baptist Church, and Norfolk, VA. This ministry has caused the congregation to look at their finances, spending, and saving habits. The Antioch church is embracing the biblical motif that as Christians, they are not to be indebted to anyone but God, and they are to help others according to their needs. The idea to get out of debt is embraced so that they can remain free of fiscal difficulties.

Pastor Bentley is married to his high school sweetheart, Carla and they are the proud parents of three lovely children.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work of Reverend Dr. Marvin J. Bentley.

#### MAYOR'S PROFESSIONAL MARINERS AWARDS AWARDED ON JUNE 9, 2010

#### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, the Mayor's Professional Mariners Award is sponsored by the City of New Bedford, Professional Mariner Magazine and Commercial Marine Expo. This award honors an individual or organization who has made a significant contribution to the marine industry. This year's award recipients are Harriet Didriksen, Martin S. Manley and Howard W. Nickerson.

#### MAYOR'S PROFESSIONAL MARINERS AWARDS HARRIET DIDRIKSEN

Harriet Didriksen is constantly fighting for fishing families, the fishing way of life, and the American dream. She steadfastly attends New England Fisheries Management Council meetings from Connecticut to Maine, and never misses a gathering where she can help fishermen oppose government bureaucrats' undue interference. She is a regular at hearings in Washington—which she attends at her own expense—and is a tireless advocate.

Harriet owns the F/V Settler. She owned the F/V Bagatell, which is now an educational vessel at Stony Brook University. She is owner and operator of New Bedford Ship Supply, one of the oldest ship chandleries on the East Coast.

Mrs. Didriksen's father dragged in the winter and scalloped in the summer. He emigrated from Norway to Brooklyn and moved to New Bedford to be closer to George's Bank. Her uncles were also fishermen. Her brother is a shore-side business and vessel owner. She is the mother of two.

New England fishermen are fortunate to have her on their side.

#### MARTIN S. MANLEY

The late Capt. Martin "Marty" Manley was a commercial fisherman for 38 years, and at the age of just 19, was one of the youngest skippers out of the Port of New Bedford.

Captain Manley was a tireless advocate for the commercial scallop fishing industry. He was recognized as an industry leader and received numerous awards and accolades, including Helmsman of the Year from the Port of Gloucester. He was a member and former



President of the Offshore Mariners Association.

During his career, he owned and operated several scallopers along the eastern seaboard, the last being the F/V Mary Anne, which he designed, built, and operated with great pride. He served as the director of the City of New Bedford Harbor Development Commission, and later served as manager of the Popes Island Marina until his retirement in 2007. The building of that marina was one of his life's accomplishments.

He served as a member of the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority and the Economic Development Commission.

HOWARD W. NICKERSON

The late Howard Nickerson watched over the New Bedford waterfront for 65 years. He began his career as a young man, tub trawling in a sailing vessel, moving to commercial fishing on George's Bank as vessel engineer. Through the decades, Mr. Nickerson participated in the industry from every angle, as a fisherman, representing fishermen, seafood dealers, seafood workers, boat owners and directing state and municipal agencies, always fighting for fairer regulations.

He served as head of the Harbor Development Commission, the State Pier, the Seafood Dealers Association, the Seafood Workers Health-Pension Fund, the New England Fisheries Steering Committee and the Offshore Mariners Association.

A strong advocate of seafood marketing, Mr. Nickerson was involved in organizing the New Bedford Seafood Council and the New Bedford Scallop Festival in the 1950s and '60s, which helped build the market demand that allowed the scallop to become the port's cash leader.

#### RECOGNITION OF KATHLEEN T. ELLIS AND ROBERT SICKLES

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathleen T. Ellis and Robert Sickles for the laudable achievements that make them the well-deserved recipients of the YMCA's 2010 Champions for Children Distinguished Citizen Service Award. Both are successful local business leaders and committed community activists.

Ms. Ellis is the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of New Jersey Natural Gas, the principal subsidiary of New Jersey Resources. NJ Natural Gas provides energy to almost 500,000 residential and business customers in the heart of NJ's vacation spots. She has also led a robust career prior to joining NJR in 2004; Ms. Ellis served as the Director of Communications to former Governor James McGreevey from 2002–2004, and as Manager of Communications and Director of State Governmental Affairs for the NJ-based energy company PSE&G from 1998–2002. In addition to all of her commendable business successes, Ms. Ellis has been an incredibly active member of her community, serving the interests of women and children at no compensation for her efforts. She is on the Board of Trustees for the private, nonprofit organization, 180 Turning Lives Around, which has focused on ending domestic abuse and violence in Monmouth County for 30 years. She is also on the board of New Jersey's PAM's List, which is active in raising money for pro-

choice women to run for public office, as well as the New Jersey League of Municipalities Educational Foundation and New Jersey Future.

Mr. Sickles, better known as Bob, is the owner-operator of the local Sickles Market in Little Silver, NJ, which has remained in business through three generations of Sickles. Although the Market itself was established in 1908 as a seasonal farmer's market, the Sickles' family history extends all the way to a King's Land Grant in 1663. Sickles Market is now a year-round, fresh foods market with 4 production greenhouses and over 10 acres of working farm production, as well as a garden center, all a result of Bob's transformative re-vamping in 1998 to keep the store open through the winter in competition with big grocery stores without losing its unique local flavor. It is thus unsurprising that Mr. Sickles has been the recipient of many awards in recognition of the Market's distinctive success, including the 2004 Innovator of the Year Award from Garden Center Management & Merchandising Magazine and "Random Acts of Beauty 2008" by the Little Silver Garden Club, to name only a few. Mr. Sickles is also heavily involved in his community, hosting Back to Garden and Kids Day events at the Market in order to educate children about healthy living and environmental awareness. In 2008, Sickles Market raised over \$300,000 over 5 years for the Holiday Express annual fundraiser, a local charity for the disadvantaged.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank Kathleen Ellis and Robert Sickles for their contributions to their businesses and to their communities, and congratulate them again on their 2010 Distinguished Citizen Services awards from the YMCA, which they both highly deserve.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,078,420,280,010.67.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,404,722,523,042.60 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$35,272,010,674.80 since just yesterday.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

#### 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the 175th anniversary of the Chatham Presbyterian Church in Chatham, Illinois.

The Chatham Presbyterian Church was founded in 1835 by some of Chatham's found-

ing citizens, the Reverend Dewey Whitney, T.A. Spilman and William Thornton. The first service was held in Mr. Thornton's home and was attended by about 15 families, some of whom had come by wagon from New York to settle Sangamon County.

From that humble beginning, Chatham Presbyterian has expanded to more than 400 members, and several new buildings. Just after celebrating their sesquicentennial in 1985, Chatham Presbyterian moved into its current building on Walnut Street in Chatham. Over the years, Chatham Presbyterian has been an important part of the Chatham and Springfield communities, as well as carrying on mission work across the country and around the world. In addition, Chatham Presbyterian is active in our local community, hosting group work camps in Springfield's historic Enos Park neighborhood.

I want to congratulate Dr. Joe Eby, Pastor of Chatham Presbyterian, and the entire church family on celebrating this important milestone. I join with the other members of this House in wishing Chatham Presbyterian another 175 years of success.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, I was not present for two recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 363—"nay"; Roll No. 364—"yea."

#### A TRIBUTE TO MANUEL SEMAN AND LUISE PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ

#### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLÁN

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. SABLÁN. Madam Speaker, 86-year-old Manuel Seman Villagomez's kempt silver hair, easy smile and gregarious personality belie his years of hard work and difficult childhood. He came from a large family with meager possessions, but over time, intense work and unwavering devotion to his faith and family have made him a contented man.

Manuel, or Manny, Villagomez was born on January 24, 1924 on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands during the Japanese occupation. He is the youngest of ten children. His Chamorro father was born on Guam, but, at the age of 18, he moved to Saipan with his siblings. Manny's mother, half Chamorro and half Carolinian, was from Saipan.

Manny received a sixth grade level education, the maximum allowable for Chamorro children under Japanese law at the time. After he graduated from school, he worked at the family farm and sold produce to the Japanese stores to support the large family. He fished with his father to supplement the family income. His father's love of fishing for kichu, or sergeant fish, was the reason for his family being affectionately called "Kiyu."

During World War II, as American forces started their approach to the Mariana Islands, the Japanese government restricted Manny and his family, as well as the rest of the Chamorros, to their respective family farms. When the Americans landed on Saipan on June 14, 1944, Manny was one of the many Chamorros forced to flee to the jungle, hiding out in caves, trying to avoid the fierce battle that engulfed the island. On July 4, 1944, U.S. Marines found Manny and others hiding in a cave in Talofofo and led them out to Camp Susupe, where civilians were confined until after the war. After Japan surrendered in 1945, the U.S. Marines recruited Manny and 63 other Chamorro and Carolinian men to serve as marine scouts and search for Japanese snipers and holdouts on Saipan and in the Northern Islands. It was not until January 31, 2000—55 years later—that U.S. Armed Forces formally recognized Manny and the other marine scouts for their service. They were officially sworn in, and on the same day, formally discharged from the Marine Corps.

Right after the war, Manny was attracted to a young woman who would later become his wife for 58 years. She was Luise Pangelinan Villagomez, born on November 14, 1929 on Saipan. She grew up in a family of eight children. Luise only had a third grade education but she learned to speak three languages, Chamorro, Japanese, and after World War II, English. After two years of courtship, the young couple married on February 26, 1949. A month later, they moved into their new, albeit tiny house, which Manny had built with the earnings from his job as a police officer. Their marriage produced six daughters and six sons: Linda, Patricia, Thomas, Barbara, Manuel Jr., Joseph, Edward, David, Nora, John, Ramona, and Antonia.

Manny's first job after World War II had been as a mess boy for the American enlisted personnel, which is how he learned to speak English. Thereafter, he served as a policeman for 12 years under the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands' Insular Constabulary. He rose to the rank of sergeant and became an administrator. Manny quickly learned how the U.S. Naval and local governments procured goods. In 1955, he used his knowledge and experience to start a small grocery store, M.S. Villagomez Store, in Chalan Kanoa. It was the third locally owned grocery store in operation.

Initially, Luise, by then a mother of four, handled the store's daily operations. Realizing that his wife needed help and that the family business presented a better opportunity, Manny left his police job. In 1960, Manny and Luise relocated the store to a corner lot on Beach Road near the Chalan Kanoa post office. Six years later, in 1966, the couple built a large, two-story building to accommodate the expanding grocery and department store as well as provide office rental space.

As the business grew, so did the family, which by 1968, had increased to twelve children, most of whom were old enough to work in the business. Manny and Luise then built a second store in Garapan which they later leased to Duty Free Shoppers, now DFS Galleria. During this time, the family business expanded to the export of scrap and recycled materials to Japan. The couple also entered into a joint venture with Luise's brother and opened a store on the island of Chuuk, one of the other islands in Micronesia, from 1969 to 1977.

In December 1976, the family suffered a major setback when fire engulfed their department store building. Manny and Luise salvaged what they could from the fire and quickly reopened a small store across the street. As they accumulated some assets, they invested in real properties and gradually developed and rented them out. They resisted any loan offers from banks and were extremely cautious and conservative in their investments.

In 1978, Saipan began to see the influx of foreign investments particularly from Japan. Manny and Luise leased their prime properties to investors for large scale developments. They reinvested their new capital in other real properties by again self-financing the construction of commercial space and apartment buildings. They also purchased some undeveloped real properties in the United States for investment and security. Having survived World War II and seen his own father go through changes in sovereign control in Guam and then in Saipan, Manny felt the need to own real property in the continental United States in the event the family had to flee or relocate from Saipan. In 1979, the Villagomez family joined several other Chamorro families in purchasing houses in San Leandro, California. Manny and Luise then moved their younger children to San Leandro to further their education.

In the 1990s, Manny and Luise shifted the focus of their business from retail to the construction business, and to commercial and apartment rental. So that they could pursue their love of traveling, they also decided to transfer the management and operation of the business to their children. Manny and Luise were able to visit many cities in Europe, traveled extensively throughout Asia and the U.S., and spent considerable time at their San Leandro home.

While Manny is widely known for his business accomplishments, he is most proud of his service as the first Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) for the Northern Mariana Islands, a position he held from 1988 to 2000. As the NMI's CASA, Manny enjoyed the time he spent supporting the generals, veterans and active soldiers.

Manny and Luise never lost sight of their civic duties. In 1990, they made a sizeable donation for the construction of the first major public library, the Joeten-Kiyu Library, in Susupe, Saipan. They were generous benefactors to schools, churches and charitable organizations. Manny and his children continue the tradition of giving and assisting others in the community.

It was always the couple's dream to have their children reunited on Saipan. During the 1990s, Manny and Luise subdivided their large Fina Sisu property purchased in the 1950s and helped their children build their own homes there. Today, the lake and ocean view property, known as the MSV Kiyu compound, is a quaint, friendly place where all the twelve children have homes and where a majority of the 40 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren can be seen visiting throughout the year. It is also where Luise peacefully passed away surrounded by her loving family in September 2007 at the age of 77 years.

Today, Manny lives in the family compound with ten of his children and their families. He still travels but spends most of his time in the compound tending to his mini-farm, fruit trees,

and other plants, and living a quiet and peaceful life.

HONORING JOHN JESSE SALDAÑA

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Jesse Saldaña, Sr., a civil servant, community leader, and former serviceman who passed away June 9, 2010.

Mr. Saldaña made history through both his illustrious postal career and military service. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 45 years and was appointed to the position of postmaster on December 7, 1974. Mr. Saldaña was the first Spanish-surnamed postmaster since 1836 and was the first merit postmaster in the nation. He worked not only as the Postmaster of San Antonio, but as the manager for the San Antonio Sectional Center covering a service area of 33,000 square miles, 226 post offices and 4,527 employees in South Texas. He was named "Postmaster of the Year" in 1983.

As a Combat Infantry Officer in the European Theater during World War II, Mr. Saldaña was wounded twice in action in the Huertgen Forest and in the Battle of the Bulge, where he was the sole survivor of his unit. For his valiance and heroism in service, he was awarded a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Mr. Saldaña also tirelessly worked to preserve the history and cultural heritage of San Antonio. Mr. Saldaña served as president of the Canary Island Descendants Association and the Harp and Shamrock Society. In 1981, he was named by the Isleños Canarios Committee as the Chairman of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the Villa de San Fernando. He was also a lifetime member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Mr. Saldaña also worked to preserve our nation's military history by returning to his alma mater, Lanier High School, of which he was Valedictorian of the Class of 1939, to meet with students each Veteran's Day. Lanier honored him as one of the first to be commemorated on their "Wall of Fame."

Additionally, Mr. Saldaña was very active in many church, civic, and philanthropic organizations. He was a life-long Oblate Associate and was presented with the Oblate cross in 1973 for his active participation with the Oblate fathers. He was a founding board member of Sisters Care of San Antonio, a ministry which offers in-home assistance to many elderly who are ineligible for government assistance. He was a director of the United Way and the Vice-Chairman of the combined federal campaign. He was also a member of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

San Antonio has suffered a great loss and it is my humble honor to rise to recognize the many contributions that Mr. Saldaña has made in his lifetime and to extend my thoughts and prayers to his family.

HONORING MARVIN TEER, SR.

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Marvin Teer, Sr., a valued member of the St. Louis community. Mr. Teer passed away on May 27, 2010, at the age of 93. His efforts greatly enriched the city of St. Louis, and his legacy will continue to inspire his residents for years to come.

Mr. Teer grew up against a backdrop of adversity and racial tension. He was born in Meridian, Mississippi, and at the tender age of 5, his family suffered the tragic loss of Mr. Teer's uncle, who was lynched. Mr. Teer's parents moved the family to East St. Louis in search of new opportunities for themselves and their children. Mr. Teer took full advantage of those opportunities, graduating from Lincoln Senior High School and going on to earn his bachelor's degree in education and two master's degrees, one in education and another in administration.

In World War II, he fought courageously in the Army, which was at that time segregated. He rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant, where he worked to secure equal resources and equal respect for his fellow black soldiers.

Mr. Teer returned to St. Louis in 1946 to teach history and urban studies at Lincoln Senior High School and later Vashon High School. Being a dedicated teacher, he shared his knowledge and energy with students for a full 30 years.

Mr. Teer had a passion for working to improve St. Louis, and that commitment to his city extended far beyond his position as a teacher. Mr. Teer participated in a diverse array of city organizations, including the Metropolitan Youth Commission, the St. Louis Board of Equalization, the Board of Building Appeals, and the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Teer directed his enthusiasm for serving his community toward the goal of providing transportation to the seniors of St. Louis. He co-founded Available Citywide Transportation, which grew from one van to a fleet of 43 under his watch.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Teer, a citizen whose commitment to his community was a testament to Missouri and to America. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Marvin Teer, Sr.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY  
"LITTLE BENNY" HARLEY

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, the District of Columbia gathered on June 11, 2010, in a great hall of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center to honor one of our own, out of S.E. and Ballou Senior High School, Anthony "Little Benny" Harley, for his distinctive contributions to our musical identity as a city. We gathered to celebrate our native son, whose magnificent trumpet brought joy to the world and acclaim to the District of Columbia.

Little Benny became the living proof that a godfather could have godsons, when Little Benny showed the world that go-go music was no one-man passing fad—from the time Little Benny listened and learned from the go-go Godfather himself, Chuck Brown, to the day Little Benny died after performing alongside the Godfather.

Few cities produce musical talent so deep that it comes to symbolize the town itself. Motown did that for Detroit. Go-go has done that for D.C. Little Benny's sound kept us from having "Government Town" plastered on our backs. His funk was the musical background for our fight for our vote and for statehood and against the autocrats in Congress who try to step on D.C. and on our rights. Little Benny's non-stop funk, his beat, and his chants said "Don't Mess with D.C." better than anything I could ever say on the floor of the House of Representatives. All too prematurely, Little Benny now joins our city's own hall of fame for musical geniuses, who have put D.C. on the musical map, from Duke Ellington to Sam Cook. Music comes and music goes, fast, but Little Benny has helped carve out a special brand of funk that distinguishes him and his hometown alike. We want Little Benny to rest in peace, but his sound will keep us all moving to his never ending beat.

PROTECTING CYBERSPACE AS A  
NATIONAL ASSET ACT OF 2010

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, the stark image on millions of television screens around the world is of a broken pipe one mile underwater, spewing tens of thousands of gallons of oil into the ocean each day.

This deadly and disturbing horror could be replicated should we have a major cyber attack—broken networks spewing tens of thousands of terabytes of information about critical infrastructure, national security, mission-critical data and personal financial records.

Indeed, damage caused by the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history could pale in comparison to the chaos that could ensue after a major cyber attack.

So today, Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce with Rep. PETER KING the companion bill to S. 3480, The Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act of 2010. Authored by Senators LIEBERMAN, COLLINS and CARPER, S. 3480 was the subject of a legislative hearing yesterday in the Senate, and is moving there on a fast track.

In the words of former Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Policy Stewart Baker, "we are going to have a meltdown" if we fail to act to protect our cyber networks.

Right now we are chasing the problem. We need to get ahead of it. As described in the report released today by the Government Accountability Office—we face daunting challenges in tackling this problem, including: a lack of sustained leadership, insufficient resources, authority to enforce actions in the event of an imminent cyber attack, the need to partner with other federal agencies and private sector entities and insufficient education and training.

All of which this bill aims to correct.

First, the bill would establish a coordinating mechanism at the White House—an Office of Cyberspace Policy—to develop a national strategy for securing and improving the resiliency of cyberspace.

Second, it would create a National Center for Cybersecurity and Communications at the Department of Homeland Security to identify and mitigate cyber vulnerabilities. The Center would be charged with providing situational awareness, conducting risk-based assessments of threats, identifying vulnerabilities, managing external access points for federal networks, overseeing operations of US-CERT, and working with the private sector to establish security requirements to strengthen vital components of critical infrastructure like the electric grid and telecommunications networks.

Third, the key section of the bill provides the President with authority—in consultation with Congress—to impose emergency security measures on critical infrastructure networks in the event of a catastrophic cyber attack. Presently, this authority is ad hoc.

Fourth, this legislation requires development of a supply chain risk management strategy to address risks and threats to information technology products and services upon which the federal government relies.

Finally, the bill requires the new Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Office to consult with the Privacy & Civil Liberties Oversight Board mandated in the 2004 Intelligence Reform & Terrorism Prevention Act. Sadly, this Administration has yet to nominate individuals to serve on the Board. Additionally, the Director of the National Center for Cybersecurity and Communications is required to designate a privacy officer to review activities of the Center and conduct privacy impact assessments to ensure information is being collected in a manner that protects privacy and civil liberties of U.S. persons.

With strong leadership to implement it, this bill will plug the gaping hole in our cyberdefenses—while we have the chance to do so—and, hopefully, prevent another potential devastating disaster.

I urge its prompt enactment.

A TRIBUTE TO EVA SMITH  
MCQUILLAN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Eva Smith McQuillan for her valuable contributions to her community.

Eva Smith McQuillan was born in Currie, North Carolina on July 11, 1915 to Alice and Richard Smith. She is the fourth of six children; Sadie, Sealy, James, Eva, Margaret and Edward. She was raised and educated in Wilmington, North Carolina and there she met and married Dawson McQuillan. Together they have two sons, Deck and Dawson.

In 1956, Eva decided to migrate northeast to New York. She and her family settled in Brooklyn and she found employment at B. Altman's Department Store in Manhattan. She began as a Gift Wrapper, moving up the ladder to finally become an Accounting Clerk in the Accounts Receivable Department until her

retirement in 1981. Upon her retirement, Eva became a world traveler, visiting countries in Europe and the Far East including Japan and China. She has also been to the Caribbean, Canada, Mexico, and various sites within the United States of America including Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

In 1958, under the leadership of the late Reverend George W. Thomas, Eva became a member of the Brown Memorial Baptist Church and has been a faithful member ever since. The same year, she became a member of the Floral Club. She went on to become part of the Brown Memorial Baptist Church Pastor's Aid Chorus. For a number of years, she was a Den Mother for the Boy Scouts of America Troop 199. Currently, she is a team leader on the church's restoration project under the leadership of the Reverend Clinton M. Miller.

Mrs. McQuillan loves people and loves to help those in need. Her life's motto is "If I can help someone as I pass along this way—then my living will not be in vain."

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Eva Smith McQuillan.

**HONORING THE SERVICE OF LT. COL. MELANIE MCCLURE, PRINCIPAL OF ENTERPRISE ELEMENTARY IN DALE CITY, VA**

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of LTC Melanie McClure, principal of Enterprise Elementary School in Dale City, Va.

Lieutenant Colonel McClure has served with distinction both in our local classrooms and our Nation's military. One year after graduating from James Madison University in 1984 with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education, she joined the United States Army Reserves. In that same year, her first deployment took her to Germany as a platoon leader, operations officer and adjunct for the Battalion Commander. When she returned home, Lieutenant Colonel McClure began teaching in the Fairfax County Public Schools system. Her career as an educator was put on hold when she once again answered the call to serve on active duty after the devastating terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Lieutenant Colonel McClure served in Alexandria, Va., as a plans and operations officer for the Mortuary and Casualty Support Division until July 2003. She then returned to Kent Gardens Elementary School in Fairfax County as an assistant principal and principal. She took on her current role as principal of Enterprise Elementary School with Prince William County Schools in 2007.

Many of our Nation's reservists juggle leadership roles in both our military and our communities. Lieutenant Colonel McClure is no exception. Her most recent deployment required that she take a leave of absence from her position as the head administrator at Enterprise Elementary to serve on active duty in Iraq. Her students paid tribute to their principal with a send off in the spring of 2009 and on June 7, 2010, they welcomed her home with the rever-

ence and adoration she deserves. Lieutenant Colonel McClure has used this experience to teach her students responsibility and the importance of honoring commitments. These are qualities our veterans come to understand intimately as they sacrifice their safety for the protection of our nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the service of LTC Melanie McClure. Her service stands as an example to her students of the bravery of our military's men and women and will instill in future generations an appreciation for the needs of our Nation's veterans.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANCES M. BERCKMAN**

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Frances M. Berckman, better known as "Nanny Fran."

"Nanny Fran" passed from this life at the age of 96 on Tuesday, June 15th, 2010.

She is remembered fondly and lovingly as a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and even great great grandmother. She was born and raised in Jersey City some 96 years ago, and lived the past 42 years in Keansburg, New Jersey. Her husband, Matthew passed away in 1990.

She is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law; Dolores Laabs of Pennsylvania, Roberta and Jack Waugh of Hazlet, and Kathleen Berckman of Brick. In addition, she has twelve grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren.

As if they were not enough to keep her life filled with happiness and love; she spent her time as a homemaker, bingo champion, reading and frequent trips to Atlantic City. She was also a member of St. Ann's Church where a funeral mass will occur to celebrate her life on Friday, June 18th at 11:00 am. Family and friends will gather at the Jacqueline M. Ryan Funeral Home in Keansburg, New Jersey on Thursday, June 17th to share their memories of this wonderful woman.

I was honored to know her through four of her grandchildren (Thomas, Matt, Deidre, and Greg Keelen), who now, along with the rest of her family, serve as her legacy. She is assured that it is in good and loving hands. God Bless "Nanny Fran."

**RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN (RETIRED) STUART ALAN RICHARDS SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO MILITARY" HONOREE**

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished member of the Armed Forces residing in my home state. In Arizona, Scottsdale Healthcare honors service members who perform diligent service to this country every month; for the month of

May, they have recognized Captain (Retired) Stuart Alan Richards.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to this outstanding service member for his commitment, dedication and service to our country.

Captain Richards originally joined the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era, but subsequently transferred to the Naval Reserve in order to attain a college degree as a Physician's Assistant. After receiving his degree, Captain Richards became a Warrant Officer in the Army National Guard, quickly rising to achieve the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3 after returning to the Naval Reserve. Captain Richard's final career change occurred in 1988 with his transition into the United States Public Health Service. Once there, he worked at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center where he was deployed numerous times to support medical efforts during the shootings at Red Lakes Reservation in Minnesota and hurricanes in Florida. After 31 years of federal service, he retired in 2006.

Today, Captain Richards continues his life's work of caring for the injured and sick as a Physician's Assistant with Scottsdale Emergency Associates who staff Scottsdale Healthcare's three Emergency Departments.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this exceptional Military Officer for serving our country and caring for fellow service men and women in and out of combat.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JACK WALLACE**

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Jack Wallace, an outstanding man who improved the lives of countless individuals while working tirelessly to make Memphis a better and safer place. Born in 1928, Mr. Wallace spent 24 years serving in the Memphis Police Department before his retirement in 1976.

Jack Wallace was one of the most outstanding people to have served the Memphis community. I was privileged to serve as Police Legal Advisor for the Memphis Police Department in the seventies, where Jack served as my mentor. He was the person I looked up to, learned from, and got advice from. The policemen all respected Jack because he was a policeman's policeman; he was a man's man. He was strong; he was smart; he was a natural leader.

Despite never attending college, Mr. Wallace attended the Southern College of Law, where he was consistently at the top of his class. His colleagues and classmates recalled how much they grew to respect and revere him. As a policeman, Jack analyzed issues like a lawyer, cutting through all the issues in order to get to the heart of each matter. Though he never served as the official director of police, Mr. Wallace served as interim director under Mayor Henry Loeb. Jack Wallace was the perfect fit for the job. At the time, there was no one in the police department with more intelligence, more common sense, respect, leadership abilities and a better sense of judgment and values.

During his time with the Memphis Police Department Mr. Wallace faced some of the

toughest issues confronting the city. He was an integral part of ensuring the safety and continued success of the city in a period of potential turmoil. After the 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it was Jack who maintained order in the community after violence broke out, commanding the night tactical units. Wallace was also responsible for peacefully ending a 12-hour hostage situation, a heroic incident in which he walked into a held-up house, unarmed, and rescued six children. Jack Wallace was twice named one of the top 10 police officers in the country by Parade Magazine.

In addition to remembering Mr. Wallace for his leadership and bravery as a Memphis police officer, I will always remember and appreciate the times we were able to spend on the Ridgeway golf course in Memphis with friends. As a golfer, he had the ability to charm everyone on the course. Years after we played golf, mutual friends would ask "Where's Jack Wallace?" He had that memorable personality and they simply loved playing with him. His wife, Shirley Wallace, reported that the day before his death, he played 27 holes of golf.

Jack Wallace passed away on Saturday, June 12 of heart failure in Brownsville, Tennessee at the age of 82. Mr. Wallace was a man of exceptional integrity and moral character. His was a life well lived, and I honor him today as a public servant, a leader, a mentor, and a friend. The city of Memphis is a better place because of Jack Wallace. He is survived by his wife Shirley, his son Lee Wallace of Kansas City, MO, two daughters, Diane Swan of Collierville, TN and Amy Todd of Jackson, TN, a brother, Bill Wallace of Memphis and seven grandchildren.

#### AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION

### HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit a letter from the American Bankers Association in support of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act.

AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION,

*Washington, DC, June 9, 2010.*

To: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

From: Floyd E. Stoner, Executive Vice President, Congressional Relations & Public Policy

Re: H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act

On behalf of the members of the American Bankers Association (ABA), I am writing to express our support for H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act. As proposed, Treasury would invest in community banks

through a new program that would be separate and apart from the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP). This legislation will serve as another tool for community banks to meet the needs of small businesses in their communities, and we urge the House to pass this legislation.

Even with the general economy starting to improve, there are still many areas of the United States that struggle under the weight of the severe downturn. Since banks are a reflection of their communities, they are suffering with the communities they serve. Yet even in areas beset by poor economic conditions there are strong borrowers.

Meeting the needs of these borrowers has been made more difficult as regulators pressure many banks to increase their capital-to-asset ratios. Given the severity of the downturn, it is difficult if not impossible for community banks to find new sources of capital. Thus, the only option for many banks is to shrink, which can mean making fewer loans. H.R. 5297 would allow banks to avoid that result and continue meeting the needs of their communities. With an improving economy and public investments, such as those proposed in H.R. 5297, lending can increase faster in some of the hardest hit areas of the country. Community banks, which are the life blood of many communities, can provide the needed capital.

While we are supportive of this legislation, we believe the fund could be more effective if it recognized the dynamic nature of a bank's loan portfolio. Roughly 20 percent of a community bank's small business loan portfolio is repaid each year. Under H.R. 5297, a bank would not be viewed as increasing its small business lending until it made enough loans to replace that 20 percent. Recognizing all of a bank's small business lending would make the program more attractive to many community banks.

The program's success also will hinge on whether it is made available to banks who actually need the capital. If the program is made available only to those banks who do not need it, the program will fail. There are many viable community banks that would benefit greatly from a comparatively modest investment by the government to help them weather the current economic storms. Past initiatives have left this group of banks on the sidelines and, in many cases, have made it more difficult for them to attract private capital. We encourage you to support making the Treasury program available to banks that are viable on a post-investment basis.

The bill also includes a State Small Business Credit Initiative, which we find very promising. Efforts like this in Michigan, for example, have shown great promise over the years they have been in place. Under the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF), the MSF deposits the cash into an interest bearing account with that lender and this account will then be pledged as collateral on behalf of the borrower. Based on an amortization schedule, the MSF will draw down the account as the loan principal is paid. In the event of full default, the lender will have rights to the account less a liquidation fee. The proposed

State Small Business Credit Initiative would function in a similar manner and, we believe, could provide much needed support for loans made by participating banks. As with the Small Business Lending Fund, ABA recommends that all viable community banks be allowed to participate.

While we shall continue to work with Congress as this legislation moves forward, we believe that the legislation can serve as a real tool to help community banks meet the credit needs of their communities. We support passage of H.R. 5297.

PARNICK JENNINGS

### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my long time friend, Parnick Jennings, for receiving the 2010 Hugh Burnes Christian Service Award. Parnick moved to Rome when he was just 6 months old and has been a dedicated servant of the Rome Community for decades. It is my distinct pleasure to honor him today.

After serving in the Korean War, Parnick followed in his father's footsteps and chose a career as a mortician—offering comfort and hope to more than 23,000 families in the 11th District of Georgia. His compassion and caring spirit helped lay the pathway for a successful career, as he owned three Jennings Funeral Homes and now the Good Shepherd Funeral Home.

Parnick has also spent much of his time over the years giving back to the Christian community through his love of gospel music. He hosted a Sunday morning program on WRGA, a weekly TV gospel music show that reached thousands of viewers, and a series of gospel music concerts that were highlights for the Rome Community.

In addition Parnick has been a member of many community and Christian boards, including the Shorter College Board of Trustees and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board of Trustees, among many others. Notably, he is the only living Life Member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board where he also served as Board and Capital Campaign Chairman.

Madam Speaker, Parnick has given back so much to Rome, and I am very pleased to congratulate him today on receiving such a distinguished award. I would also like to wish him a blessed and happy Father's Day as he celebrates with his wife, Margaret, and their beautiful children. Thank you Parnick for everything you have done for our community, and my very best to you.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## JUNE 22

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the progress in preventing military suicides and challenges in detection and care of the invisible wounds of war.

SD-G50

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Iran policy in the aftermath of UN sanctions.

SD-419

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 3495, to promote the deployment of plug-in electric drive vehicles, focusing on reducing oil consumption.

SD-366

11 a.m.

## Conferees

Meeting of conferees on H.R. 4173, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine innovation in America, focusing on opportunities and obstacles.

SR-253

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and

Olmstead enforcement, focusing on ensuring community opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

SD-430

## Environment and Public Works

## Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund program.

SD-406

## JUNE 23

9:30 a.m.

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-342

10 a.m.

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine the United States-China trade relationship, focusing on finding a new path forward.

SD-215

## Appropriations

## Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Minerals Management Service reorganization.

SD-124

## Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator.

SD-226

## Rules and Administration

To resume hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on silent filibusters, holds and the Senate confirmation process.

SR-301

10:30 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine outside witness statements.

SD-192

11 a.m.

## Conferees

Meeting of conferees on H.R. 4173, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings with the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine customer and employee views on the future of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

## JUNE 24

9:30 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 3452, to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System.

SD-366

11 a.m.

## Conferees

Meeting of conferees on H.R. 4173, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices.

SD-106

## JUNE 30

9:30 a.m.

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine farm bill reauthorization, focusing on maintaining our domestic food supply through a strong United States farm policy.

SR-328A

## JULY 1

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veterans' claims processing, focusing on if current efforts are working.

SR-418

## JULY 21

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine improvements to the post-9/11 Government Issue (GI) Bill.

SR-418

## AUGUST 5

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

## SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine a legislative presentation focusing on the American Legion.

345, Cannon Building

## SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs disability compensation, focusing on presumptive disability decision-making.

SR-418